Unification Report Endorsed

CCF, Unions to 'Wed' Before B.C. Election

Unaffiliated Labor Locals Seek Role, Start Row

VANCOUVER (CP)—A basis for a working partnership between the CCF and the B.C. Federation of Labor was endorsed Saturday by the provincial CCF convention in a move that will see an informal marriage of the two organizations for the next provincial election.

The convention, after a lengthy and sometimes bitter argument over whether trade unions not affiliated with the Canadian Labor Congress should be allowed into political-unity discussions, endorsed an interim report of the provincial CCF-CLC joint liaison committee.

This report was aimed at establishing an informal agreement of co-operation in time for the next B.C. election, expected before final formal agreement is reached at a national level.

NATIONAL PARTY

The whole move is part of the national CCF-CLC proposal to form a Canadian Labor Party, formal agreement on which is to be considered at the 1960 conventions of the two groups.

The informal agreement endorsed here Saturday is the first between the two groups to win approval in Canada.

To set up an election platform satisfactory to both sides and plan strategy, a meeting is to be called soon among CCF members of the legislature, executives of the CCF, the federation and interested representatives of farm and co-operative organizations.

PLATFORM BASIS

CCF provincial leader Robert Strachan told the convention that a policy statement being drawn up by the 177 delegates attending the three-day meeting here will form the basis of the election platform and all nominations and other matters will be carried out within the constitution of the CCF organization.

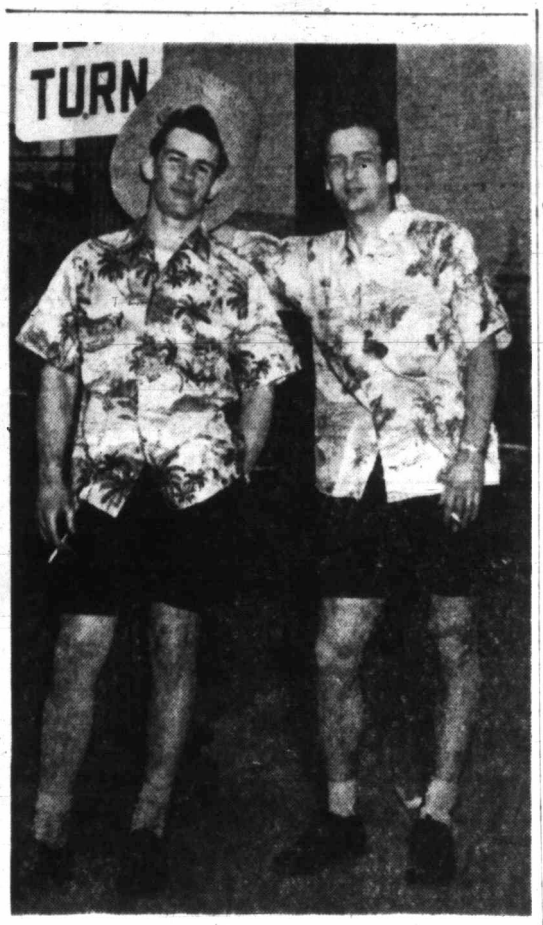
CCF nomination conventions will be held in abeyance throughout the province until details of the informal agreement are circulated among the locals of both organizations.

EXCLUSION DISPUTE

Dispute arose when delegates from constituencies where dominant union forces are not inside the CIL demanded inclusion of non-affiliated trade unions in the political action.

Delegates from Trail and Kimberley, where the Independent Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union predominates, and the Delta riding where the United Fishermen's union is strong, said the CCF could not be a united labor movement if these unionists were excluded.

Both unions were ousted from the CLC several years ago for alleged Communist domination.



Real Cool Summer Garb

Victoria's spell of summery weather yesterday persuaded these two men to take their Bermuda shorts out of storage for comfort. Howard Abercrombie, left, and Rock Juerin, both of 737 Vancouver Street, may have stood out among the downtown shoppers in their winter clothes, but at least they were real cool.—(William Boucher photo)

Phone, Power Socialization CCF Pledge

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. CCF endorsed five sections of a broad policy statement over hurdles of dispute to approve policy on forests, labor, power, telephones and municipal affairs.

With one day to go in the three-day provincial convention, the 177 voting delegates and 80 alternates and visitors still face approving policy on education, health and welfare, north development, car insurance and natural gas.

The sections are all to be included in final policy which has been described as one on which a CCF government in B.C. could base its first-term legislative program.

BITTER DEBATE

The sections approved Saturday—following drawn out, sometimes bitter debate on certain labor and forestry sections Friday—pledge a CCF government to a broad course of socialization but leave room for caution in entering competition with private business in certain fields.

The power policy calls for nationalization of the B.C. Electric Co. and public development of al future B.C. power resources. The telephone policy calls for nationalization of the B.C. Telephone Company. With public ownership of these two utilities, the fields would not be competitive so far as marketing is concerned.

CONTROL GROWTH

In forestry, however, where the scope of international marketing problems is beyond provincial government control, the CCF policy is one of control through ownership of the growing areas and through legislation.

VANCOUVER (CP) — The CCF convention endorsed a resolution calling on federal and provincial governments to take new steps, including diplomatic recognition of Red China, to cut down unemployment.

'Things Blacker' For Arrow Men

TORONTO (UPI)—All but 500 of the 10,000 workers who lost their jobs when the government cancelled the Avro Arrow jet project at Malton, Ont., still are without work, according to a union official.

Peter Podger, a representative of the International Association of Machinists, said: "Things look blacker than ever. Back pay and savings are nearly exhausted."

The New Year's Day in Scotland was changed from March 25 to Jan. 1 in 1600.

Student Aid Committee Appointed

Provincial cabinet has named a four-member joint committee to administer the $2,000,000 student aid loan fund which was authorized by the legislature last month.

Nominated by UBC president Dr. Norman Mackenzie were Walter H. Gage, dean of administrative and interfaculty affairs at UBC, and William White, assistant bursar.

Nominated by Education Minister Leslie Peterson were S. E. Espley, education department comptroller, and H. M. Evans, department registrar.

Fireman Cut Up Over TV

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—David Norris, 46, relaxed in the chair of a barber shop having his beard trimmed.

Norris, a volunteer fireman, was listening to a television program. Suddenly a siren wailed on the television set. The volunteer fireman jumped just as the barber was drawing the razor down the side of Norris' throat.

Six stitches were taken to mend the wound.

PROTECTIVE COLOR

The collared lemming, one of two types in Canada's Arctic, is the only rodent that turns white in winter.

'Quite Unacceptable'

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Erik Neilson, Progressive-Conservative MP for Yukon, said Saturday a bill introduced in the U.S. senate for the paving of the Alaska Highway's Canadian section is "quite unacceptable" to Canada.

He said Sen. Richard Neuberger's bill spells out an international agreement in which Canada has not been consulted.

"If the bill is passed by Congress, as is expected, Canada could be asked to accept it as a fait accompli without modification and without having had an opportunity to negotiate," he said.

The bill requires joint Canadian-U.S. financing of $11,000,000 a year each for six years, and places most of the authority for administering the project with the United States.

Neilsen said a better approach would have been a joint U.S.-Canadian conference on the matter and then introduction of similar bills in the U.S. Congress and the Canadian parliament.

As it is, he indicated, the highway program under Neuberger's bill probably will not be activated.

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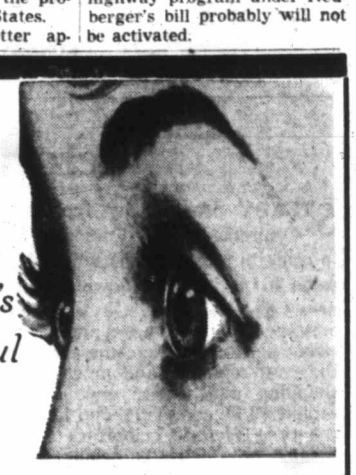

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